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DEFENSE FOR SECRETARY AF REED AND MR. DOOLIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, OVIP, DA

SUBJECT: MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER'S LUNCH FOR AIR

FORCE SECRETARY REED: STATUS OF DANISH DEFENSE  
AGREEMENT

1. ON SEPT 10 MINDEFENSE MOLLER HOSTED PRIVATE

LUNCH IN HIS OFFICE IN HONOR SECRETARY REED.

MOLLER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF DEFENSE

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BLIXENKRONE-MOLLER AND TWO TOP MOD OFFICIALS.

REED ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, MR. DOOLIN, GENERAL  
HOOVER AND EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE.

2. MOLLER SPOKE OPENLY ABOUT STATUS DEFENSE  
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE FELT THAT THESE COULD  
BE CONCLUDED WITHIN FORTNIGHT IF ALL WENT WELL.  
MOLLER STATED FRANKLY THAT THE LEFT-WING OF SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATS WOULD NOT SUPPORT A NEW DEFENSE AGREE-  
MENT UNLESS THE RADICAL PARTY WAS ALSO ON BOARD.  
IN OTHER WORDS, AS HAS BEEN GENERALLY RECOGNIZED  
HERE, THE CRITICAL PROBLEM IN GETTING A NEW  
AGREEMENT LIES WITH MOLLER'S OWN PARTY.

3. MOLLER WENT ON TO SAY THAT PRIMIN JORGENSE,  
IN ORDER TO WIN CONSERVATIVE SUPPORT FOR HIS  
ECONOMIC AGREEMENT, HAD PROMISED CONSERVATIVES  
THAT HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO SUBSTANTIAL DEFENSE  
CUTS. MOLLER REMARKED THAT THIS MADE THE  
NEGOTIATIONS EVEN MORE COMPLICATED.

4. IN ANSWER TO SECRETARY REED'S QUESTION,  
MOLLER THEN EXPLAINED PROPOSAL BY WHICH DEFENSE  
EXPENDITURES WOULD BE SLIGHTLY REDUCED OVER  
NEXT THREE YEARS AND THEN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED  
OVER FOLLOWING THREE YEARS OF A SIX-YEAR DEFENSE  
AGREEMENT. HE THOUGHT THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WAS  
NECESSARY IN ORDER TO WIN OVER THE LEFT-WING  
OF HIS PARTY. SECRETARY REED REPLIED THAT HE WOULD  
NOT COMMENT ON THE DANISH POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS BUT  
WOULD POINT OUT THAT IF THE TOTAL DEFENSE BUDGET  
WERE REDUCED OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS (EVEN  
THOUGH IT WOULD BE INCREASED DURING THE FOLLOWING  
THREE), THERE WOULD BE A DAMAGING EFFECT ON OTHER  
NATO COUNTRIES. HE THEN OBSERVED THAT DESPITE  
POLITICAL PRESSURES IN THE US OUR BUDGET  
WOULD BE INCREASED BY ABOUT TWO PERCENT THIS YEAR  
IN REAL TERMS AND THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT  
OTHER NATO COUNTRIES TRY TO KEEP UP THEIR DEFENSE  
BUDGETS IN THE SAME MANNER. MOLLER SAID HE  
UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT THAT, NEVERTHELESS, IN ORDER  
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TO GET ANY AGREEMENT AT ALL, IT WOULD PROBABLY  
BE NECESSARY TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS.

5. A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON AWACS FOLLOWED (TO BE  
REPORTED SEPTTEL). MOLLER SAID HOW MUCH HE  
APPRECIATED DR. CURRIE'S BRIEFING LAST WEEK AND  
THAT HE FELT THE DANES NOW UNDERSTOOD AWACS MUCH  
BETTER AND WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A MORE POSITIVE

STATEMENT ABOUT IT. (UNDER SECRETARY CHRISTIANSEN  
TOLD DCM IN AN ASIDE THAT MIG-25 SLIPPING THROUGH  
JAPANESE RADAR HAD HELPED TO SHOW A NUMBER OF  
DANES THE IMPORTANCE OF AWACS.)

6. LUNCH CONCLUDED WITH MOLLER ASKING SECRETARY  
REED TO PASS HIS GREETINGS TO SECDEFENSE RUMSFELD  
AND HIS THANKS FOR SUCH A WARM WELCOME IN THE US  
IN JULY.  
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